

# News from The Plastic Club

## Notice Anything Different??

During the month of January, contractors were busy putting up new ceilings and new track lighting in the Main Room and The Tea Room. New electrical outlets were installed. The two rugs were cleaned. When that was done Bob Jackson, Alan Klawans and Michael Guinn painted all the walls of the first floor and the studio. The result is that we now have new, bright, clean spaces in which to work and exhibit. Bob Jackson also reorganized the closets in the studio and built a coffee cabinet in the kitchen. The restoration projects are funded by your donations. We have plans to repair the shutters and paint the outside trim and to repair the water damage in the studio. What can you say? It's an old building. But we love it and we want to preserve it for the future.

## Shows In Sight

The 2011 Exhibition Schedule has been announced by Exhibition Chairman, **Alan Klawans**. A copy of the schedule is included with this mailing. The schedule is also available on the club's web site at <http://www.plasticclub.org/exhibits.html>

## Movie Nights

The **Sometime(s) Saturday(s) Cinema** film series continues to be very popular. **Anders Hanson**, our own Robert Osborne, gives the background of the films, directors, and actors, and discusses what to look for. Refreshments are available. (Additions to the table are always welcomed.)

The next films to be presented on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, are "**White Diamonds**," a documentary by Werner Herzog about exploring the rainforest canopy of Guyana in a helium-filled balloon and "**Cleo From 5 To 7**" directed by Agnes Varda. It's the story of a woman who fears the results of a biopsy. While waiting for the result, the camera follows her through the streets of Paris as she sees friends and meets new people. In both movies, the directors make something wonderful happen. Don't miss them! It's free to all. Check our web site for films to come.

## Holiday Dinner

The Annual Holiday Dinner was held on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> with 46 members and guests in attendance. We started with the hors d'ouvres and drinks in the Tea Room. We thank all of you who brought things for the table. Then we went up to the Shiekman Studio where, once again, **Bob Jackson** presented his roasted pig with all the trimmings. In addition to that there was a turkey loaf, vegetable and pasta dishes, breads and salads, and **Betty MacDonald's** fabulous "yule logs" for dessert. Toasts followed. And more drinks and talk. President Bob Jackson presented the Annual Plastic "Club" Award to **Mina Smith-Segal** in recognition of her "...unswerving support of the Club, its programs, and its members." The award came with a framed certificate, a \$100.00 check, and the pink, plastic "Club" (a wiffle ball bat.) Mina very generously contributed her check to the Club. Thank you, Mina! And our thanks to all of those who helped make the dinner another memorable event at the Plastic Club!



*President Bob Jackson presents Mina Smith-Segal with the Plastic "Club" Award*

## DOCUMENTARY NEWS

The documentary is coming along. **Bob Lee** and his crew are scheduling the few remaining interviews, and then the editing process will begin. To help support the funding of the documentary, **Susan Stromquist** has made buttons and had tee shirts made with the emblem of the Plastic Club emblazoned on the front. The buttons are \$2.00 and the tee shirts are \$10.00. The tee shirts come in three colors: blue, green and yellow. You can buy these items by contacting Susan by phoning her at 610-220-0662 or email at [sstromquist@gmail.com](mailto:ssstromquist@gmail.com). All proceeds benefit the Documentary Fund.

## WINTER IMAGES SHOW

Baby, it was cold outside but, inside, things were nice and warm in spite of the wintry pictures all over the walls. The “**Winter Images**” show opened on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, with the usual wonderful reception full of people, food, and drink. 90 artists showed 150 works in all media depicting winter scenes and things associated with the season. The juror, **Robert Byrd**, chose **David Guinn**’s gouache painting, “*Study for Crystal Snowscape*,” for the First Prize. Second Prize went to **R. Alexander Trejo** for his photograph “*Winter Alley*.” Third Prize went to **Alice Meyer-Wallace** for her oil of a “*Tree In Snow*.” **Janice R. Moore, Lois Schlachter, S. M. Pfaffenbichler, Lazslo Bagi, and Ishaq Deis** were awarded Honorable Mentions. Congratulations to all!



Winners at the “*Winter Images*” Show LtoR Top Row: Alice Meyer-Wallace, Lois Schlachter, S. M. Pfaffenbichler, Exhibition Chair, Alan Klawans. Bottom Row: Ishaq Deis, R. Alexander Trejo, David Guinn

## New Members' Show

The New Members Show was a record breaker with 36 new members showing 96 works of art. The high numbers were matched by the high quality of the works shown. Photographs, prints, paintings, drawings, and fiber art were among the media represented in this beautiful show. We are gratified to see that the Plastic Club continues to attract wonderful people 114 years after its founding in 1897. As of this writing, 180 artists, and people interested in art and artists, are members of the Plastic Club. We welcome all and hope that you can find what you are looking for. If you can’t find it, we’ll look around and see if we can find it for you.



New members Bob Lee and Steven Ptashkin go over the checklist at the New Members Show

## Downstairs Gallery

Opening at the same time as the reception for the New Members Show was the newest Downstairs Gallery Show. The members chosen by lottery to show in February were **Jonn Schmiechen, Eileen Eckstein, Morris Klein, and Karen Frank**. In March, **Cara Kendric, Diane Podolsky, DoN Brewer, Burton Greenspan, and Mervyn Klein** will show their work.

## Who We Are

The 2011-2012 Directory is out. If there are any mistakes, please call, write, or send an email so we can correct it in the next edition. It is good to see that we had to add two full, new pages to fit in all the new members.

## In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we must report that a dear member of the Plastic Club has died. **Jerry Katzenstein** passed away, Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at the age of 83. He was a regular member of the Thursday Morning workshop. We will miss him.